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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 44, line 55, reads “R<sup>1</sup> R<sup>2</sup>” should read -- R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> --

Column 44, line 66, reads “X<sup>2</sup> represent” should read -- X<sup>2</sup> represents --

Column 45, lines 6, 10, 37, and 40, reads “CO<sub>2</sub>” should read -- CO<sub>2</sub> --

Column 46, line 12, reads “claim 1 wherein” should read -- claim 1, wherein --

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**PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 OR § 1.323**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the above-identified U.S. patent be corrected in accordance with the attached Certificate of Correction.

**I. C.F.R. § 1.322**

The mistake(s) were incurred through the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office and are clearly disclosed in the records of the Office. Therefore, no fee is due.

**II. C.F.R. § 1.323**

At least some of the mistakes were made by the applicant. Therefore, a check in the amount of \$100.00 in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a) is enclosed herewith.

Enclosed herewith is a Form PTO-1050 (in duplicate) listing errors that have been found in the above-identified patent. The error(s) are of a clerical or typographical nature or of minor character and were made in good faith. The requested correction(s) do not constitute new matter or require reexamination.

III. Accordingly, patentees and their assignee respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office issue a Certificate of Correction pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 or § 1.323, respectively.

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